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1. Since early January 1952, soldiers dressed in khaki but having a large blue band around their caps have been seen in Sofia. The color of the hat bands of these soldiers is the same as that of the caps of State Security members.

2. [redacted] the soldiers in question are conscripts subordinate to the Ministry of the Interior and attached as auxiliaries to State Security.

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Comment: (a) Usually, the enlistment of auxiliaries in the police ranks takes place before a conflict together with general mobilization. (b) This enlistment may be considered a reflection of a restless and uncertain internal situation. (c) In this way, we have an example of a contingent of army troops taking its place with the police forces.

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